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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PRECLEARANCE AT FREEPORT

REF: (A) STATE 278784; (B) NASSAU 1951

1. U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS NOW NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT THAT
THE GOB HAS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIED WITH ALL ITS
CONTINGENCIES TO PRECLEARANCE AT FREEPORT, AND IT HAS
REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH GOB
FORMALLY EXTENDING PRECLEARANCE TO FREEPORT.

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2. INS AND AGRICULTURE BOTH CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE
PREPARED TO STAFF PRECLEARANCE OPERATIONS IN FREEPORT
BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 1978. AGRICULTURE INDICATED IT WILL
INITIALLY SEND TDY PERSONNEL WITH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
TO FOLLOW AT AN EARLY DATE. INS MAY FOLLOW SAME
PROCEDURE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES THAT EMBASSY SUBMIT
FOLLOWING DRAFT TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO GOB:

QUOTE EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE
AGREEMENT OF APRIL 23, 1974, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS ON PRECLEARANCE, AND TO

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S.
PRECLEARANCE AT FREEPORT.

THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT PRECLEARANCE OPERATIONS
SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENT
OF APRIL 23, 1974, BE EXTENDED TO FREEPORT.
FURTHERMORE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGREES THAT IT
WILL COMMENCE PRECLEARANCE OPERATIONS AT FREEPORT ON
JANUARY 8, 1978.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL CONSIDER THIS
NOTE, TOGETHER WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE OF REPLY
CONFIRMING AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OUTLINED ABOVE, TO
CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

(CUSTOMARY CLOSING). UNQUOTE.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SUBMIT NOTE
TO GOB AND REPORT RESPONSE SOONEST.

5. COMMENT: INS HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO EMPHASIZE
AGAIN ITS DESIRE TO HAVE SEPARATE INSPECTION BOOTHS IN
STERILE AREA AT NASSAU CONSTRUCTED AS SCHEDULED.
(SEE REF A, PARA 7, (B).) APPARENTLY NO PROGRESS HAS
BEEN MADE ON THIS MATTER, AND INS IS QUECONCERNED
TO SEE THESE BOOTHS CONSTRUCTED. VANCE

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